

The Tallyn's Reach Metro Authority Board and Landscape Committee continue to study ways to reduce water consumption and save financial resources while maintaining the beauty of the open spaces that make Tallyn's Reach a special community.

The Landscape Committee has made the recommendation to the Board that we explore conversion of irrigated blue grass to unirrigated native grasses in most of the open spaces throughout our neighborhoods and trails.

Beginning in 2022 we will test 3 sites for conversion to native grasses and if you are receiving this letter, one of the test areas is close to your property. Work will begin in mid-March.

Test site #1 is the drainage area of approximately 90,000 sq ft from Park Crescent (west end of the central park) north to Frost. In April, the current bluegrass will be killed, the area extensively aerated and planted with native grass which thrives in non-shade areas. When the native grasses are established and weed free, native flowers will be seeded in, a process that can take up to 3 seasons.

Test site #2 is the area adjacent to the sidewalk that extends from Park Crescent (west end of central park) west to Frost. The area closest to Park Crescent has extremely low water pressure so maintaining irrigated blue grass has proven difficult. The plan is to put crushed rock on the north side of the sidewalk. The south side of the sidewalk nearest Park Crescent will have a low water shrub bed established with drip irrigation for about 50' and the rest converted to native grasses that do well with more shade.

Test site #3 adjoins test site #2 and runs south from the sidewalk down to Glasgow. This 300,000 sq ft area also experiences extremely low water pressure creating difficulty in maintaining blue grass. This area will be planted with native grasses that grow well in partial shade, and when the native grasses are established and weed free, we will add native flowers.

We have included "before and after" photos of the type of outcome we hope to have by converting to thriving native grasses and flowers. We have engaged the services of a native grass specialist and weed specialist to guide us in this work. We ask for your patience since this process can take up to 3 seasons to achieve our beautiful native grass goal, but the savings in reduced landscape maintenance and reduced water consumption will be fairly immediate.

We anticipate continuing to convert irrigated and maintained blue grass to native grasses where possible in open space areas throughout the subdivision to better manage our water and financial resources.

Your Tallyn's Reach Authority Board & Landscape Committee